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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

## Crowle Urban District

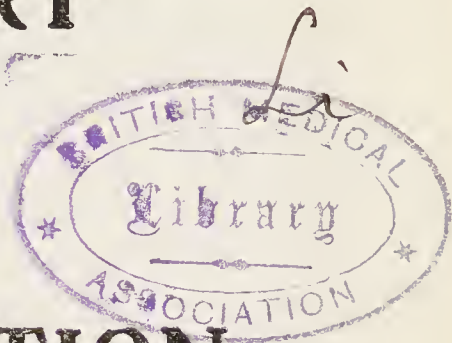
For the Year 1918,

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my fifth Annual Report of the Sanitary Condition of the Urban District of Crowle for the year 1918.

*Births.*

The number of Births registered in Crowle during the year was 59, of whom 27 were boys and 32 were girls, and of these 8 were illegitimate.

Compared with last year, when there were 53 births, 21 being males, 32 females, and 4 illegitimate, it shows that whilst there has been 6 more births there have also been 4 more illegitimates.

*Deaths.*

The number of deaths registered in Crowle was 38, compared with 35 last year, so that the registered births exceed the registered deaths by 21, thereby giving a natural increase of 21.

*Zymotic Disease.*

During the year we had two very bad epidemics, one of Measles and the other of Influenza. In both cases I had to advise the closing of the Schools.

*Influenza.*

Considering the severity of this epidemic I consider we were very fortunate in not having more than 6 deaths.

This compares very favourably with other districts.

I am sorry to say that at the present time I cannot give you any certain precautions to take to prevent the disease, but in my opinion the best

preventative is to keep one's self comfortably warm—especially to keep the feet dry and the bowels open and regular.

#### *Diphtheria.*

There were 5 cases of this disease.

#### *Tuberculosis.*

There were 7 deaths from this cause.

#### *Inquest.*

There was one during the year. That was on a child—concealment of birth.

#### *Creche.*

I am sorry to say this has not been going this year as it is more wanted now than ever. The reason of its collapse is that suitable premises cannot be got, and until these are found the County Council cannot give us the support they otherwise would do, and our attempt, though very useful, was considered too primitive.

The Flax Mill is a source of extra employment.

#### *Effect of Food Restrictions on Health.*

Many people have lost weight, but the general health has not been much impaired.

#### *Dwelling Houses.*

There is a scarcity of these at the present time, and this is likely to increase.

#### *Disinfection.*

The houses where infectious diseases have occurred have been disinfected.

#### *Housing Accommodation.*

There have been 15 representations made to Local Authorities. There have been 10 houses cleaned and repaired, and 3 cases of overcrowding. No new houses have been built. Number of houses inspected, 230.

#### *Water Supply.*

The houses are supplied chiefly by wells and soft water cisterns.



*Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Supply.*

There are 24 on the register and 144 inspections have been made, two more than last year. The inspections are made every two months. There are 66 cows in the District. No contraventions of regulations.

*Slaughter Houses.*

There are 7 in the district. Eighty-four inspections were made, and no contraventions found.

*Bake Houses.*

There are four in the District. Forty-eight inspections have been made, and there has been no contravention of the Bye-laws.

*Unsound Food.*

No unsound meat was found.

*Pollution of Rivers.*

There are no rivers in the District.

*Sewerage.*

There are no sewers in the District.

*Disposal of Refuse and Excrement.*

The refuse is removed by the public Scavenger, and is removed from each house every three months, being finally deposited on the land. One-hundred-and-twenty-five pails or boxes are emptied weekly.

*Common Lodging Houses.*

There is only one in the list, one less than last year, one having been closed during the year. Twenty inspections have been made, and there has been no contravention of Bye-laws.

*Offensive Trades.*

There are not any in the district.

*Schools.*

There are three Schools in the District—the Council School, Church School, and Catholic School.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

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